colleges. However no formal proposal has been received from the Indian Green Building Council in this regard.

(c) As Housing is a State subject, Government of India's role is limited to laying down policy. The National Housing and Habitat Policy 1998 provides that to reduce the energy consumption and pollution, low energy consuming construction techniques and materials would be used, and the energy needed in providing lighting, ventilation, heating, cooling and other services in buildings would need to be minimized so as to reduce overall energy consumption. In addition, innovating building materials, construction techniques and energy optimizing features should be an integral part of curricula in engineering colleges and training institutions. Further the Policy also provides for promoting and using building materials and components based on agricultural and industrial waste, particularly those based on fly ash and red mud.

Adoption Laws

*371. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the law for adoption in force in the country is inadequate and is more parent-oriented rather than child-oriented, without taking care of the family environment of the adoptee;

(b) in this context, whether there is a strong urge for comprehensive laws and training of judicial officers to deal with inter community adoptions; and

(c) if so, the initiatives taken, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The law relating to adoption amongst the Hindus is contained in the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956. The other communities take recourse to the provisions of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 for the purpose of taking care of children as guardians. It is not correct to say that the law relating to adoption is more parent-oriented rather than child-oriented. The welfare of the children would be the paramount

consideration in the appointment of a guardian. At present, there is no general law of adoption in the country. The Government is examining as to whether a general law of adoption may be enacted.

There is no proposal for imparting an training to judicial officers for dealing with the subject.

Visit of Taiwanese Delegation

*372. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge Taiwanese business delegation from construction industry visited India in October 2.9.2005;

(b) whether delegation has also attended a workshop organized by the local construction companies;

(c) whether the discussion was held at the corporate level;

(d) if so, whether any concrete agreement between the two countries has been signed during the visit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what extent both would be able to improve construction work?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Sir, a 14 member Taiwanese business delegation from the construction industry visited Mumbai and New Delhi from October 2.9.2005;

(b) Two business workshops were organized by the Taipei World Trade Centre Laison Office in India (Mumbai Branch) in Mumbai and in New Delhi, during which the Taiwanese delegation interacted with local construction companies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Following the opening up of the infrastructure and construction